



NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN SMARTER SCHOOLS

Education has never been more important than it is today. Our students face international competition for scholarships and jobs, and an increasing pace of change that impacts their futures. Yet, while the need for quality education continues to increase, our schools are physically in decline.

At Missoula County Public Schools, we realize that we must change if we're to keep up academically and economically as a community. That's why we launched Smart Schools 2020. Led by teams from each school, the initiative assesses needs by facility and prioritizes those needs in light of achieving our goals of a 21st Century Educational Culture and of being fiscally responsible.

By addressing schools now we prevent further deterioration of facilities, better prepare for population growth and ensure our students continue to get the educational opportunities they need to succeed in school and beyond.

THE SMART SCHOOLS PROCESS

SCHOOL CENTRIC:

Criteria and preferred options were established for each school by a team of teachers, administrators, students and parents from that school, along with members of the Missoula community.

COLLABORATIVE:

Alternatives were shared at public meetings at each school. In addition, surveys were sent out systemwide to vet priorities.

REALISTIC:

Team recommendations will be reviewed by the steering committee and the elected board of trustees before a bond measure is drafted.

PUBLIC:

Everyone is invited to review options and weigh in. Final support for the initiative will be determined by public election in November 2015.

To get involved, please visit www.mcpsmt.org/hellgate or contact Principal Lisa Hendrix at ljhendrix@mcps.k12.mt.us.



Forward Thinking. High Achieving.

HELLGATE HIGH SCHOOL

Our proposal provides an identifiable main entrance, enhanced technology and security, and renovated educational spaces.



A systemwide initiative to develop schools that work smarter for our students.

MEET YOUR SMART SCHOOLS TEAM

The Hellgate High School team put months into this process. We appreciate the input from students, parents, faculty, neighbors and the MCPS board. If you have questions or would like to get involved, we encourage you to visit www.mcpsmt.org/hellgate or contact Principal Lisa Hendrix at ljhendrix@mcps.k12.mt.us.

TEAM MEMBER CORE

- Lisa Hendrix, Administrator
- Karen Swanson, Teacher
- Bill Fischer, Classified
- Kim Chambers, Parent/Business
- Kasey Chambers, Student

TEAM MEMBER EXPANDED

- Dave Oberbillig, Teacher
- Mike Staats, Teacher
- Brian Hoover, Teacher
- Jack Kirkland, Teacher
- Ryan Davis, Teacher
- Lisa Moser, Teacher
- Mary Pat LaForest, Teacher
- Susan Delaney, Classified
- Andrew Baldrige, Student
- Nick Zetterberg, Student
- Mary Rhoades, Student
- Anika Charlson, Student
- Paul Keiper, Parent
- Sue Orr, Parent
- Melanie Charlson, Parent

21ST CENTURY NEEDS

Hellgate High School, a Missoula architectural landmark, has served the community for over 100 years. The location remains its best feature — near downtown and the University of Montana — providing community support, site-based educational opportunities and increased student participation in higher education.

EXPANDING HELLGATE HIGH SCHOOL

Our proposed option maintains location, architecture and history while providing an opportunity to upcycle an early 20th-century building into a green, sustainable school providing 21st-century education. Hellgate will be an education showcase and model for the community, region and nation. When complete, Hellgate High will be a smarter school in many ways, including:

- Identifiable front entrance with central office and security desk located at the first floor entrance.
- Safer access areas to building front and to athletic arenas.
- Three-floor centralized atrium with improved common area on the ground floor.
- Renovated and new building for athletic arenas and gymnasium; can be closed off and secured nights and weekends from main classrooms areas.
- Wireless Internet access for all classrooms and common areas.
- Centralized library/media center providing current technology and 21st-century study tools.
- Expanded visual arts education center with studio space and art gallery.
- Updated heating system and energy-saving updates, replacing an antiquated boiler.



OUR TEAM'S RECOMMENDED OPTION

OPTION S-2 START OVER:

- Remodel majority of existing school.
- Modify Gerald Avenue to improve pickup / drop-off.
- Security cameras.
- Build new gym. Replace the current 1940s gym with new library / media center and commons area / atrium.

SECURITY

Modify facility to create obvious main entry, secure waiting area and ability to observe visitors approaching the building. Subdivide the building into secure zones with electronically activated door closers.

TECHNOLOGY

Develop high-speed/high-volume fiber optic distribution to breakout spaces for projects, presentations and technology in each learning community, enhanced with robust wireless and hard-wired access points.

ENVIRONMENT

Install barn doors and garage doors with quality acoustical materials between learning areas and breakout areas for projects, presentations and technology. Create small learning communities for teams of teachers and students that include traditional classrooms as well as important support spaces for 1:1 tutoring, small groups, planning centers, storage, etc.

FACILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN

- Site Area: 3.12 acres
- Parking spaces: 75
- Building Square Footage
- Existing: 245,694
- New: 7,000
- Total Project Cost: \$17,040,133
- Replacement Cost: \$60,000,000
- Remaining Deferred Maintenance & Energy Project Costs: \$0
- Rental / Lease / Sale Income: None
- Current Enrollment: 1,258
- Future Peak Enrollment: 1,382
- Capacity: 1,500-1,800

Costs include construction, demolition (where applicable), technology, furnishings, site development, design fees, and acquisition (where applicable). Contingency and escalation to January 2020.